National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) may be bifurcated into (i) National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation which will come under administrative control of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and (ii) National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation which will come under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The bifurcation of assets and liabilities of existing National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) between National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and Natic -al Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSCFDC) has been initiated. Bifurcation of Manpower and Zonal Offices has been done. The Registration of National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation is under process.

SC's concern over Government's apathy towards disabled

469. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has expressed serious concern over Government's apathy towards implementing job reservations for disabled; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) In the order passed on 5.1.2001 in W.P.No.31/2000 (Amita I's. Union of India & Ors.), regarding revision of the list of identified posts for persons with disabilities, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has *inter-alia* expressed concern and directed that within two months, the sub-committees would submit their report and within three months, the Expert Committee would furnish the revised list to the Government. As per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Expert Committee has been requested to take urgent action to finalise and submit the report to the Government.

Legislation to protect elder persons against domestic violence

470. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: